

REMARKS

Applicants wish to emphasize the difference between the present invention and the cited reference JP 63-116747. The present invention discloses a grinding machine component, including tension rods, transfer ways, spindles, spindle housings, pivot rods, threaded shaft rods, concentric shaft seals, lead screws, and combinations thereof. These grinding machine components made of superhard materials that hold closer tolerances and resist wear better than conventional components. However, in JP 63-116747 the only component made of the ceramic material is the grindstone. This cited reference does not disclose any other grinding machine components which are made of ceramic. Therefore, the present invention contains novelty and an invention step as required by relevant PCT rules.

Applicant's attorney would like to thank Examiner Speer for his time and consideration. If Examiner feels that the prosecution of this Application can be expedited by conversation, he is courteously requested to place a telephone call to Applicant's attorney at the number listed below. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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